

City of Casey



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Aldermen

Ron Bayles
Bob Dane
Jesse Dennis
Michael Nichols
Pete Todd
Kelsey Washburn

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL MONDAY JULY 17TH, 2017 6:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Monday July 17th, 2017; beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Nik Groothuis presided and called the Meeting to Order and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

Present: Alderman Dane
Alderman Dennis
Alderman Nichols
Alderman Washburn

Absent: Alderman Bayles
Alderman Todd

A quorum was declared.

Public Forum: None

Community Affairs:

Casey Popcorn Festival: Bernie Morgan and Ed Richardson presented to the Council the Festival's plans for this 30th year. They are currently on their pledge drive for this year and just wanted to thank the City for their support in the past. Alderman Nichols reported that the Finance Committee did Appropriate \$5,000.00 for this years Festival.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to pledge \$5,000.00 to the Casey Popcorn Festival, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Meeting Minutes:

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion for approval of the Minutes of the July 3rd, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the July 3rd, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Groothuis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None



Abstain 1 – Dennis
Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd
Motion declared carried

Officers Reports

Clerk Mumford requested approval of the July 17th, 2017 Bills Payable.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval of the July 17th, 2017 bills payable totaling \$143,223.54, seconded by Alderman Washburn. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented Pay App #8 for Waterline Project and also bills to be reimbursed to the City that was paid to Curry & Associates before the project started.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to pay from the Waterline Project Account to B&T Drainage for Pay App #8 in the amount of \$258,610.59, and to the City of Casey for reimbursement for bills paid before the project started in the amount of \$60,011.92, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Clerk Mumford presented a bill from HWC to be paid from the Wastewater Construction Account.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to pay from the Wastewater Construction Account to HWC in the amount of \$57,869.02, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Treasurer Lorton presented the June 2017 Statement of Cash and Investments.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the June 2017 Statement of Cash and Investments Report in the amount of \$11,312,984.34, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff presented the Lease for the South Fire Station. After review with the Council she will present it to the Fire District.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval of the South Fire Station Lease, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Attorney Shoaff then updated the Council on her progress with the ordinances violations and how she is following them up in court. She also has registered for a class at the upcoming IML Conference.

Mayor Groothuis looked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

Alderman Dennis motioned approval to go into executive session for discussion of personnel and possible purchase of property seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Executive Session began at 6:17 p.m.

Alderman Dane motioned to resume the regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Regular City Council Meeting resumed at 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Nichols motioned approval to give a \$1.00 an hour pay raise to Travis Roberts to bring his new rate of pay in the gas department to commensurate with the existing hazardous employees rate of pay, beginning when he moves to the Gas Department, seconded by Alderman Dane. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Superintendent Biggs reported that the speed limit signs for Main Street were in and they should be up by Friday. On the Waterline project, drive pumps have been delayed and won't be delivered until around September 9th, so that is going to delay the project. The IMEA offers

electric energy grants and Alliance Tractor has been awarded the Grant. They will be getting \$2,415 to help with a lighting upgrade.

Chief Jenkins had no updates for the Council.

Collector Hutton wanted to thank all who helped make donations and helped down at the Park for the City's Fourth of July Event.

EMA Director Brewer thanked his help that volunteered for the fourth of July as well.

New Business:

Park Chairman Dane gave a report on the meeting held on July 7th 2017. The City is going to take sealed bids on equipment left down at the pool building which need to be turned in by 8/14/17. J&K Mitchell is going to donate the materials needed for the roof at the bathroom by the Tractor Pull area. The City will also look into getting plaques made for them.

Public Utility Chairman Dane turned the report over to Alderman Nichols for their meeting held on 7/10/17. They discussed the water leak process and will look at it again in the future.

Downtown Improvement and Economic Development Chairman Bayles was absent so Alderman Washburn gave the report on the meeting held on 7/12/17. They talked about job applications, the process for dilapidated buildings and the internship position.

Airport Chairman Nichols reported on the meeting held on 7/13/17. They would like to meet with the Airport Boosters quarterly.

Unfinished Business:

Mayor Groothuis made a recommendation and appointed Megan McMillen as the City's Economic Development Director.

Alderman Dane motioned approval of the Mayoral Appointment of Megan McMillan as the City's Economic Development Director, seconded by Alderman Dennis. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Alderman Reports:

Alderman Nichols: reported that he had a meeting with a constituent about PD Policy on lights and sirens and he has talked to the Chief about the issue as well.

Alderman Dane: Asked about where the City was at with the K9 proposition. The Mayor stated that he has been in contact with the dog's owner, and Chief Jenkins reported that the dog's owner

does now wish to have it returned to him in Texas.

Mayor Reports:

Mayor Groothuis updated the Council on the speed limit process on Route 49. He has talked to IDOT and they have agreed to change the signs to 25 mph coming from both ways.

He complimented the City workers for the sidewalk work they were doing.

He was excited to announce that we have met with Pap R Products and they are closing on the InSync building on Tuesday. They will start with that being just a distribution center for them.

Ron Bayles and him went to the Council Economic Development meeting that was held for new mayors and Council members.

Karl Weddell was in and has picked up his Liquor License for his new Double K Gaming Café.

Mayor Groothuis was also in talks with Jim Bolin and Phelps Fencing about getting a dog station downtown.

There was no further Business of the City Council for the July 17th, 2017 Meeting.

Adjournment:

Alderman Dennis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Nichols. Upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes: 4 – Dane, Dennis, Nichols, and Washburn

Nays: 0 – None

Absent: 2 – Bayles and Todd

Motion declared carried

Adjournment of the City Council was at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by; Jeremy Mumford, City Clerk